

**SANTA ROSA AND SAN JACINTO MOUNTAINS
NATIONAL MONUMENT**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Meeting 4
August 3, 2002**

United States Department of Agriculture United States Department of the Interior

MEETING LOCATION:

PALM DESERT CITY HALL
73-510 Fred Waring
Palm Desert, CA 92260

DATE AND TIME:

Saturday, August 3, 2002
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm

LIST OF THOSE PRESENT:

MONUMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC):

FRANK BOGERT, former Mayor, City of Palm Springs
GARY WATTS, District Superintendent, California Department of Parks and Recreation
TERRY HENDERSON, Councilmember, City of LaQuinta
ROBERT BROCKMAN, Planning Director, City of Rancho Mirage
BUFORD CRITES, Councilmember and former Mayor, City of Palm Desert
BARY FREET, Palm Springs Fire Chief, resident of Cathedral City

ALLAN MUTH, expertise in natural science and research, University of California, Riverside, Deep Canyon Research Center
LARRY GRAFTON, Senior Planner, City of Indian Wells
BARBARA GONZALES LYONS, Vice Chair, Tribal Council, Aqua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
BILL HAVERT, Director, Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
JEFFREY MORGAN, Sierra Club, Local Conservation Organization
EDWARD KIBBEY, Building Industry Association
BOB LYMAN, Regional Office Manager, County of Riverside
RUTH WATLING, Chair Pinyon Community Council
BOB PARKINS, General Manager, Winter Park Authority

STAFF AND PRESENTERS:

DANELLA GEORGE, Designated Federal Official and Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Manager
CONNELL DUNNING, BLM Community Planner
JIM KENNA, BLM Field Manager, Palm Springs/South Coast Field Office
EDDY KONNO, California Department of Fish & Game
LAURIE ROSENTHAL, USDA Forest Service, District Ranger, San Jacinto Ranger District

AGENDA

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION-Ed Kibbey

Welcome and introduction of BLM and USFS staff present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Bergman
Louisa Martin

REVIEW OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from prior meeting were reviewed. Review of working groups and their purpose.

Questions and Answers

HOUSEKEEPING, REVIEW OF JUNE MEETING

CALTRANS DISCUSSION ON HIGHWAY 74 MANAGEMENT-MANUEL FRIAS

Cancelled until the October meeting.

HIGHWAY 74 NATIONAL SCENIC HIGHWAY- MR. BOB LOUDON

Bob informed the committee that the first step necessary to designate highway 74 is to apply for a Corridor Management Plan. This includes trails and the visitor center. He specified that the number one reason for the outdoor recreation experience is driving for pleasure. That's another reason why we want to look at this byway. Palm Desert to Banning is the Palm to Pines Scenic Byway, 67 miles of State Highway 74 and 243. It's a spectacular byway, of course, as we know, with five different life zones to contrast the desert to the mountains landscapes. That's one of the more significant features of the highway. He pointed out several advantages of highway 74 becoming a scenic highway.

The proposal to the committee was for money for the Corridor Management Plan planning process that would help designate the highway as a scenic highway.

Questions and Answers

It should be noted for the record that there was not a motion in support for any application having to do with a designation.

SIGNAGE CONCEPTS FOR THE NATIONAL MONUMENT-SIGN TIGER TEAM& ALEX YOUNG

Alex informed the committee of the process that he and the sign team had endeavored in order to locate potential sites for the portal signs within the monument and also presented the draft of the final product.

DISCUSSION ABOUT PLANNING MATRIX-CONNELL DUNNING

Provided an overview of the monument planning matrix and its contents to the Monument Advisor Committee

Questions and Answers

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
DRAFT CDCA PLAN AMENDMENT-CHAIR**

Recommendations were made by the Monument Advisor Committee.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Ingram

Barbara Bergman

**RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE REGARDING
NATIONAL MONUMENT PLAN ISSUES/CONCERNS/OPPORTUNITIES
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT PLAN ALTERNATIVES-CHAIR**

Recommendations were made by the Monument Advisor Committee

**SUMMARIZE MEETING AND NEXT MEETING NEEDS FROM THE
COMMITTEE-DFO AND CHAIR**

Meeting was summarized and the needs of the next meeting were discussed.

MEETING ADJOURNED